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INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

JUNE DATA COLLECTION OF ELIGIBILITY CHANGE IMPACT (correction)

(With 1 Attachment)

There was an error in one program on the statewide analysis that has been corrected on the attached.

LINKS TO EARLY STEPS POLICY DOCUMENTS

We are aware that a couple of links on the Early Steps website still link to the old policy documents. The DOH web team is also aware of the issue and they are working to correct it. We have been informed that it will take a few more weeks for full deletion of the pages containing the old policy documents. Any link going to the old documents will then be re-directed to the new policies. In the interim, the best way to access the current policies is to save the following link in your favorites and use it:

http://www.cms-kids.com/home/resources/es_policy_0710/es_policy.html

You may also access the current policies from the <http://www.cms-kids.com> home page by clicking on "Resources" under "Main Menu" at the left side of the page, then clicking "Policies" and scrolling down to click "Early Steps Policy Handbook and Operations Guide – Effective July 1, 2010".

Please note that corrections are being made to the index page of the new policies so that they meet accessibility guidelines. Changes in the "look" of the index page will not affect the content of the policy documents.

Please be sure the Policy Handbook and Operations Guide you are using has 7/1/2010 at the top as the effective date. We have found that some of your local websites still link to the old policy documents. Please have your web team re-direct those links to http://www.cms-kids.com/home/resources/es_policy_0710/es_policy.html so that we are all "on the same page".

Thanks!

FY 09-10 MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT FUNDING AUDIT GUIDANCE (With 1 Attachment)

We have attached a letter regarding the audit treatment of the state Maintenance of Effort funding in the Early Steps contracts for fiscal year 2009-10. Please share this with your auditors.

INFANT AND TODDLER INJURY FROM TIPPING FURNITURE WARNING

(With 2 Attachments)

The CMS Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program is seeing a number of cases where toddlers and young children are having furniture fall on them and cause significant injury. The Consumer Product Safety Commission flyers in English and Spanish are available for distribution throughout your Early Steps community.

EARLY EXPERIENCES CAN ALTER GENE EXPRESSION AND AFFECT LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT

(With 1 Attachment)

The National Scientific Council on the Developing Child, housed at the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University, is a multi-disciplinary collaboration designed to bring the science of early childhood and early brain development to bear on public decision-making. They have recently released a fascinating paper, attached, pertinent to early intervention.

NECTAC NEWS

For the current issue of NECTAC eNotes go to <http://www.nectac.org/enotes/enotes.asp>

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS/TRAININGS

TRAINING COORDINATOR CONFERENCE CALL

(With 1 Attachment)

The next Training Coordinator Conference Call is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, 2010 from 2:00 - 3:30 EDT. The Agenda for the call is attached. The conference call number is 1-888-808-6959 and the code is 6254120367. We encourage the Training Coordinators to participate on the call.

SERVICE COORDINATION WORKGROUP CONFERENCE CALL

The next Service Coordination Workgroup Conference Call will be held on Wednesday, August 11 from 12:00 - 2:00 EDT. The conference call number is 1-888-808-6959 and the code is 6254120367.

FLORIDA'S EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENTAL STANDARDS TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

(With 1 Attachment)

The Agency For Workforce Innovation is pleased to announce the highly anticipated Train the Trainer sessions for Florida's Early Learning and Developmental Standards. This training was created in collaboration with Dr. Pamela Phelps and the Creative Center for Childhood Research and Training, Inc. The trainings will be held on August 17-20, 2010, in four strategic locations throughout the state to maximize participation and ease travel restrictions.

This training is the second in a series of trainings that will include standards for three year old children. This year's theme, *"In the Sandbox: Digging Into the Standards,"* solidifies our commitment to offer high quality training for all children ages birth to five years old. The training will also provide experiences that help providers implement the standards on the playground and in outdoor settings.

Please take a moment to review the attached flyer and register by clicking the following link
<http://www.tats.ucf.edu/Forms/reg/TTT-Seminars2010.html>.

Space is limited and there will be no on-site registration. The deadline for registration, for all trainings, is NOON on August 16, 2010.

This is an exciting time in Florida! We would like to make sure that all interested parties are aware of this opportunity and ask that you forward this flyer to them and ask them to register accordingly. This may include, but is not limited to, community college partners, early childhood consultants and other stakeholders.

If you have any questions about the Early Learning and Developmental Standards training, you may contact Whitney Davis, Training Coordinator at Whitney.Davis@flaawi.com. We look forward to seeing you at a training in August and thank you for all you do for Florida's children!